

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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DEVELOPMENT AID BY EUROPEAN UNION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Development Aid Strategy for India is being reviewed by the European Union;
- (b) if so, whether the direct aid to the states has been offered by the European Union;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government is not in favour of this;
- (d) if so, the guidelines issued to the States, with regard to the aid from the European Union; and
- (e) the reaction of State Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEED VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) Yes Sir, A document entitled 'EC India Partnership for Development: Strategic approach for the years 2002 to 2006', which sets out the European Commission's approach to EC-India Cooperation for the next five years have been received from the Delegation of European Commission in New Delhi.
- (b) The document envisages a State oriented approach of European Commission to evolve a three dimensional 'Partnership for education, health and environment', and more concisely a 'partnership for progress'. It does not mention about direct aid to the States.
- (c), (d) & (e) do not arise.